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1. In mid-August 1978 the Canton Public Security Bureau was requesting each family to fill in a census registration form for each member of the family showing the following biographical details:

- Family surname.
- Name of the head of the family.
- Name of person being registered.
- Original name.
- Sex.
- Age.
- Native place.
- Date of birth (year and month).
- Cultural level.
- Social status.
- Family background.
- Economic conditions.
- Special skills.
- Special features.
- Profession, including current job and job held prior to the Communist take-over of the community.

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p. Name of political party of which a member.

q. Names of introducers.²

r. Social relations.

s. Marital status.

t. Residence.

u. Residence certificate number and series.

v. Remarks.

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2. [REDACTED] in February 1951 each family was required to maintain a census register showing a detailed personal history of each family member, and a five-family joint responsibility system was enforced in each neighborhood to enable the Communist authorities to exercise a rigid control of the census. There were three types of census registration, one for loyal citizens; another for dependents of soldiers, government employees, and patriots; and the other for special households over which a strict surveillance was maintained. Persons belonging to these special households were frequently summoned for labor service and for attendance in special classes.³
3. A person who accommodated an overnight guest was required to report this fact to the neighborhood chief,³ and, if the guest planned to stay over three nights, he was required to prepare a temporary census register for the guest in advance at the village or district governmental headquarters.
4. For control purposes, travel was classified into domestic and foreign travel. Under the regulations for domestic travel, a person may travel within his hsien of residence without a travel permit providing he plans to return on the same day. To travel outside of the hsien, he must obtain a permit from the local government above the district governmental level. Under the regulations for foreign travel, a person wishing to travel must present his census register certificate and documents certifying his occupation to the hsien public security bureau and apply for either a single-trip or round-trip exit visa. When applying, he must present two guarantors outside of his own family.⁴ Chungshan authorities issue a temporary exit visa to Macao called the "market certificate" (chi shih cheng, 集市証). To obtain this temporary visa, all that is required of the applicant is two guarantors and the approval of the rural association or village government where he resides. However, he must return home on the same day he leaves [REDACTED] illers between Hong Kong or Macao and China must go through [REDACTED] an on the Sino-Kowloon border.
5. Violators of the census and travel control regulations were imprisoned or executed for serious offenses. For example, persons might be shot for attempting to smuggle into or out of the country. For light offenses, violators were reprimanded and fined or ordered to repent publicly through a newspaper announcement.

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6. Chinese Communists were accelerating the establishment of joint business concerns (lien ying she, 聯合營社) to handle the exchange of goods between China and foreign countries. Fishermen were already required to conduct their foreign sales of fish through such concerns.⁵ To prevent fishermen from moving about independently, they were required to go and return from their fishing areas in formation.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. From the sequence in which this is given, it is believed special economic conditions are intended.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. From the sequence in which this is given, it is believed that the names of persons who introduced the subject to the political party, which he is a member, are intended.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Senior residents must obtain a special permit to spend the night away from home, [REDACTED]

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25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. A more detailed account of requirements for obtaining entrance and exit permits [REDACTED]

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25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. Fishermen may not sell fish at sea or use their boats for commercial shipments of food supplies in the Kwangtung area, [REDACTED]

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